26 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Coverage of Cuba

1.   This memorandum requests your <u>approval</u> of the recommendation in paragraph 5.

2.   The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) has received a request by the JCS for coverage of Cuba so timed as to permit processing and readout of the information prior to Saturday, 3 February.

3.   The fluidity of the tactical situation in Cuba today would allow the Cuban regime to move against U.S. facilities in Cuba with little notice.   There is now scheduled a political rally in Cuba on 3 February.   CINCLANT and the Commander of Guantanamo Naval Base have expressed their concern that this rally might be the occasion for Castro to initiate military action against the Naval Base.

4.   In keeping with the standing approval of the Special Group for one flight per month of Cuba, it is proposed to program the February flight for 1 February to meet the requirement stated above. In a separate paper the COMOR is submitting its recommendation for a Special Group approval for increasing the overflights of Cuba from one to two times per month.   If the Special Group grants its approval for twice monthly flights, a second flight will be mounted at a later date in February.

5.   <u>Recommendation</u>:   The COMOR recommends that the requested coverage be accomplished.

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James Q. Reber
Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

CONCUR: The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is approved:

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Colonel   USAF   Deputy Director

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